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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

NADIA SPARKS CONVERSATION

The 2014 Johnson Symposium featuring Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber was a smashing success. Thanks to the leadership of many, over 750 people came to learn over the course of two days. I heard many positive reviews; most recently, my mother called from southwest Minnesota to say that one attendee had spoken with her and told her the weekend was “life changing.” This annual gathering continues to be an important event for the wider community.

It also serves the Holy Trinity worshipping congregation by propelling us into meaningful conversation. The adult forum discussion following the symposium was lively; one member said that in all his years at Holy Trinity he’s never heard so many voices contribute. Participants had varied reactions to Nadia’s discussion of social justice and sin, her description of congregational life and worship practices, her casual demeanor and obvious preference for audience interaction. Opinions abounded.

That, of course, is one of the great gifts that Nadia gives to the ELCA and to the wider church. Nadia doesn’t tend toward understatement. She certainly doesn’t avoid confrontation. And by placing a higher value on vigorous discussion than on politeness, she convinces even the most reticent of us that we have something worth saying.

This speaking is an act of faith. In her New York Times bestselling memoir, *Patrix: The Cranky Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint*, Nadia points to Mary, the mother of Jesus, saying,

I started to imagine Mary tugging at the shirt of Jesus and saying, “I will not keep silent. I will obey you and I will tell others to obey you but I will not keep silent. People are thirsty.” In John’s Gospel, Mary is not the young virgin pondering sweet things in her heart. In John’s Gospel, Mary is not surrounded by singing angels... I started to see Mary in a long line of prophets who have not kept silent. The prophet Mary stands and says, “Lord we’ve run out of wine and people are thirsty.” And Jesus hears her.

We plan to carry the theme that Nadia introduced through the season of Advent, which begins on November 30. *Telling the Truth about Ourselves, the World, and God* will help to shape our Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary and Wednesday evening worship in the Bartsch Room. Pastor Jay and I will try something new this season; at each service we’ll preach short sermons on the same text. We hope this will stir conversation about how we can read a text differently yet faithfully, how our interpretations can be influenced by our experiences without negating the experiences of others. We hope you’ll join in the conversation as the new church year begins.

—Pastor Ingrid C.A. Rasmussen

THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

There will be an evening prayer service on Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. followed by pie in the Community Room. Please bring a pumpkin pie to share.

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus’ great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged.



LESSONS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

NOVEMBER 23 “TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD”

The Gospel texts from recent Sundays

The images of God that are alive and well within each one of us have been shaped and defined by what we have experienced and what we have been taught, including the parables of Jesus. How do such texts help us to “tell the truth about God”? Welcome to the conversation.

NOVEMBER 30 “ADVENT HYMN SING”

Ann Schrooten and David Sims

Exploring the truth about God as we come together in the sanctuary to sing Advent hymns.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 30

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 3

Labyrinth Open from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Caterpillar Room

Soup Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room

Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 7

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 10

Labyrinth Open from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Caterpillar Room

Soup Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room

Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 14

Worship led by Adult Choirs at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 17

Labyrinth Open from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Caterpillar Room

Soup Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room

Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 21

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Worship led by Holy Trinity Children and Youth at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

PARISH INFORMATION

BUILDING PROJECT WORKING GROUP

Asked by church council to be the building project working group, we (Lynda Nordholm, Liz Blood, David Krig, Randy Nelson, Pastors Ingrid and Jay) bring our excitement for moving forward with a plan and design that will repurpose the building of Holy Trinity to better serve its mission in this time and neighborhood. As we begin, we remain grateful for the long-range building plans drawn up by Dawn Wiczorek and thank her for laying a foundation that continues as a springboard for the feasibility of relocating offices and expanding gathering spaces. Now this group is charged with taking initial steps to identify feasibility and select an architectural firm to bring to the council and the congregation. We will communicate each step along the way through regular updates in the Community Church and on the new communication board (north wall of the Community Room), where we will share information, updates, articles, drawings and plans as part of an endeavor to connect all aspects of our shared ministry. Realizing that concerns and questions are a normal part of such a process, we invite you to contact any member of the building project working group with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

—Lynda Nordholm, chair

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals the week of Dec. 8-12. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-5 days of that week. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square delivery area, 35th Ave. and 50th St., at 11:10 a.m. Delivery takes about 1 hour. Sign up in the Community Room.

CAREER DAY AT BROADWAY SCHOOL

A short-term volunteer opportunity is available at Broadway School to share experience around career possibilities. This involves a one-time, half-hour presentation on a post-high school job at the end of January. For more information, sign up in the Community Room.

JULBORD TICKETS

Get your tickets now for Holy Trinity's Julbord. The event is Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2-6 p.m. The cost is \$18 and can be purchased in the church office or Sundays in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS November 23-29, 2014	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am Confirmation
	9:45 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm Peace w/Justice Urban Agriculture event
Tuesday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	11:00 am Text Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm Choir Supper
	6:00-7:00 pm Youth Choirs
	7:00 pm Evening Prayer Service; pie reception follows
Thursday	7:45 pm Adult Choir
	Building closed for Thanksgiving Day
Friday	Building Closed

Special Gift in memory of **Birgit Birkeland** by Sheldon/Marge Torgerson, Kathy Hollander/Rod Johnson, Mary Ellen Olson

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 23, 2014		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Danya Werth, Anton Werth	Acolytes	Emily Davison, Molly Davison
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister	Roberta Shaw
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Pam Blomgren, Andy R.K. Johnson	Communion	Zoe Martinez, Alan Libra
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Roberta Shaw
Bob Peschiutta, David Kohlstedt, John Goring	Ushers	Alan Libra, Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, George Madich
Jenny Wheatley, Lee Fisher	Coffee Servers	Keith/Libby Olstad
Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Deb Helmel, Mary Ellen Olson
	Closer	Vicki Mann

Financial Report	November 16	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,591.35	625,201.92
Budget receipts	6,050.63	580,204.28
African Pastor's Endowment	50.00	1,610.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	8,313.00
World Hunger	131.00	11,660.57
Disaster/Ebola		520.00